



March 1, 2020

# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Story – Chapter 22

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged  
in Spirit-filled Service.*

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Aids for hearing, children's activity bulletins, and large print bulletins are  
available from the ushers



WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

*If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers  
and we will happily accommodate you.*

*In Preparation of Holy Communion*

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

For further study, see **Matthew 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Cor. 11:17-34**

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all Christians who are baptized, who have communed in a Christian church, and who share our understanding that, along with the bread and wine, we receive the very body and blood of our living Lord Jesus—for the strengthening of our faith and witness.

The glasses in the very center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for the use of those receiving communion who are unable to drink alcohol. Communicants may choose to receive the wine in an individual cup, from the Chalice (the Common Cup) or by immersing the wafer in the Chalice (also called intinction). It is very helpful to keep your empty glass visible so Pastor can see if you desire the Common Cup.

*Children who do not commune are invited to come to the rail for a blessing.  
If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.*

*Elder of the Month: Alan Oberdeck*

*Ushers: Sue & Larry Davis*

*Greeters: Charlie & Donna Crouch*

*Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins*

*Communion Assistants: Kathie Kueven & Kathy Stallings*

*The Oberdecks wish to invite you for coffee after the worship service*

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*Pre-Service Music: This is time to turn our hearts & minds toward God in preparation of worship.*

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**Instrumental Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**Lev Ryabinin**

*Please Stand*

*(You are invited to wish those around you God's peace. Please remain standing for the invocation.)*

**Invocation**

**Confession and Absolution**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 357 vs 1,3,7 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

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**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6****Reader: Keith Mulford**

R: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6****Reader: Keith Mulford**

R: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please Stand*

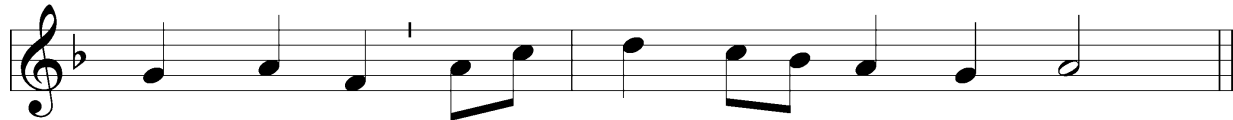
## Verse for Lent



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

Reader: Keith Mulford

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter

### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### C: Praise to You, O Christ.

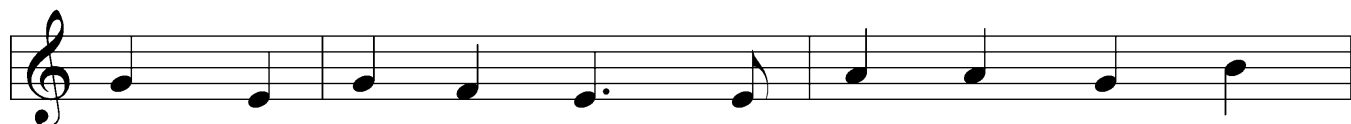
*Please be seated*

## Sermon Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 358 vs. 1-4 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

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## The Message

Pastor Steven Hayden

*Please Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I**

**acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you.*

**Instrumental Anthem:**

**Lev Ryabinin**

***Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.***

## **Our Offertory Response**

**C: We pause in our worship, to rededicate ourselves, our time, talents, and treasure, to the service of Christ our Savior. We remember also our responsibility of friendliness to and concern for our fellow-worshippers, for those who are absent, and for our unchurched friends and neighbors. May the Holy Spirit help us to witness for Christ, in whatever way He directs us during the coming days.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*\* Prayer Of The Church*

*(After the pastor ends each petition with, "Lord in Your Mercy, the congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer.")*

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Preface**

LSB 177

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

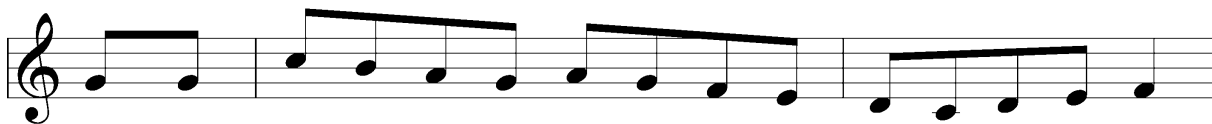
LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

*LSB 179*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 179*

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Pax Domini

LSB 180

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei



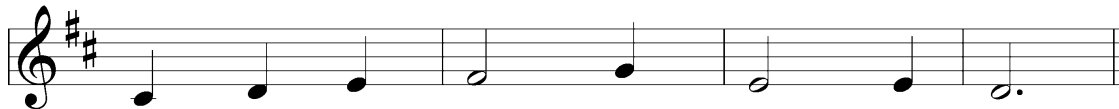
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

**Communion Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # in the Lutheran Service Book)

**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”  
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,  
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.

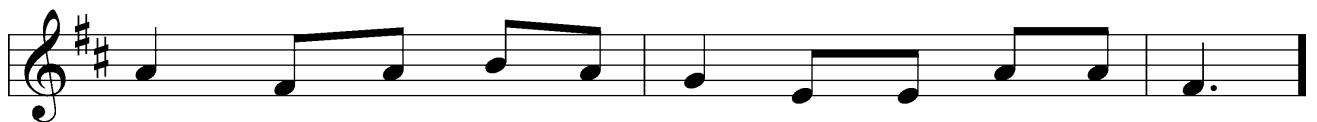
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**Communion Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # in the Lutheran Service Book)

**God Loves Me Dearly**



1 God loves me dear-ly, Grants me sal-  
2 I was in slav-’ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je-sus, My dear Re-



va-tion, God loves me dear-ly, Loves e-ven me.  
dark-ness; God’s love was work-ing To make me free.  
deem-er, He sent forth Je-sus And set me free.

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me  
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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*Please Stand*

## Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 387 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Joy to the World**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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**Announcements**  
**Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**The Dismissal**

**P:** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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**Post-service Music**

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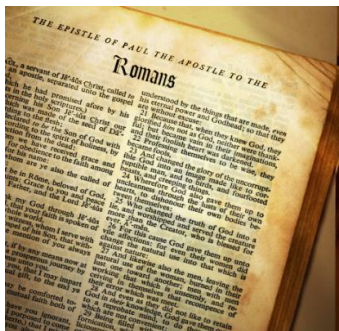
**GOD'S BLESSINGS to all those celebrating birthdays this week:**

- Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grace Raetz
- Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Mike Joost

**and anniversaries** - No anniversaries to report this week

Best wishes!

**ALTAR CARE:** We are approaching the season of the church year with many important services. Please consider that it is during this time we especially need help. Take a look at the sign-up sheet on the back wall of the church and fill in a blank space to help. Thanks to all of you who have helped in the past year, you have made our worship to God beautiful and meaningful. – *Donna Crouch*



## **OUR NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: ROMANS**

St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is the first epistle in the New Testament because it is the longest, but it could also occupy that position because of its importance. It has always played an important role in the church because it summarizes so well the essential emphases of the apostle’s theology.

Throughout the letter Paul emphasizes that God’s mercy comes to undeserving people who stand under the Law. In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God freely gives righteousness through faith alone, not on the basis of their own accomplishments. This unconditional promise is the sole basis of people’s relationship with God. Martin Luther wrote, “This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and it is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day...we can never read it or ponder over it too much.” Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. as we read the Letter to the Romans beginning on March 4th.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilt Guild	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Elders Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	ROMANS Bible class	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.
	SPRING AHEAD 1 hour	

Sunday	Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Council Meeting	after worship



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICE** will be held each Wednesday starting this week on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. **The Soup Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m.** Signup sheets are on the sanctuary back wall.



**SPRING AHEAD...**Don't forget to spring ahead **ONE HOUR** on Saturday night March 7th.

### **5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, PUTNAM CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:**

This tournament will be March 28 at Uncle Remus Golf in Eatonton. LOLC is sponsoring a hole and will have a team to compete in the 4-person scramble. The cost of golf is \$50 per player. If you would like to be part of the LOLC team, please contact Ed Fritch or Susan Larson.



Join us next Sunday during Bible class (9:00 am) and Worship (10:30 am) as we focus on **THE STORY**.

Next week it is Chapter 23 -Jesus' Ministry Begins.

**THANK YOU:** *I want to thank everyone for their prayers. As you noticed the prayers and great doctor seemed to have done a great job. I especially want to give a big hug to the people for the gifts, cards and the friends who time to visit me in the hospital. I am so blessed to have a place in our wonderful church family.*

*– Lynda Bridwell*



## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***We are Built for a Purpose***

#### **Built Through Word and Sacrament –**

...believing in and making faithful and frequent use of the Bible, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as the means by which God gives and sustains faith and empowers and strengthens us for Christian living.

#### **Built Through Ongoing Learning –**

...providing quality, Bible based instruction to foster greater understanding of God's Word and to better equip members for their discipleship.

#### **Built For Service –**

...reaching out to others by word and deed to join in the sharing of God's blessings and grace, which is free to all believers.

#### **Built For Discipleship –**

...utilizing fully our time, talents, and resources to serve and love the Lord, furthering our commission of discipleship.

#### **Built For Fellowship –**

...caring for and sharing with our church family; fostering greater love, understanding, and concern for the physical and spiritual well-being of all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

#### **The window behind the altar is our EASTER SUNRISE WINDOW.**

The cross hanging in front of the window is an empty cross, reminding us that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive now to be with us here and always. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. The symbol on the front of the ALTAR is a combination of two Greek letters: the "chi," which looks like our English "x," and the "rho," which looks like our "p." In the Greek, these letters are the first two of "Christ." Combined as they are, they suggest the cross. Superimposed on the cross is a heart, the reminder that God's love for us is the reason Jesus died on the cross. God's love for us empowers us to share his love with others.